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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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 - sheets of the description, claims and /or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

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- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.
PCT/JP2004/004774**I . Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the description:

pages 1, 6-11, as originally filed/furnished

pages 2, 3, 3/1, 4, 5, received by this Authority on 27 January 2005

the claims:

Nos. 2, 4, 6, as originally filed/furnished

Nos. 1, 3, received by this Authority on 27 January 2005

the drawings:

pages 1-5, as originally filed/furnished

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the claims, Nos. 5

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International application No.
PCT/JP2004/004774**V Reasoned statement under Rule 12 (PCT Article 35(2)) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N) Claims 1-4, 6 YES
 Claims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1-4, 6 YES
 Claims NONE NO

Industrial Applicability (IA) Claims 1-4, 6 YES
 Claims NONE NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2002-149150 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.,Ltd.) 2002.05.24
[0036] - [0040], [0045] - [0055], [Fig.2], [Fig.3],
[Fig.5]

Document 2: JP 2002-366128 A (Denso Corporation) 2002.12.20
[0019]

Document 3: JP 11-352946 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.,Ltd.) 1999.12.24
[0015], [0016], [Fig.1]
& US 6335764 B1, column 3, line 55 - column 4, line 26,
Fig.1

The invention relating to Claims 1-4 and 6 is not obvious to those in the art because especially the point that "the video data successively inputted in serial and the video data which have already been α -blended and stored in the data storage unit are subjected to vertical filtering" is disclosed in none of the documents cited in the International Search Report.